convertibility of rupee, reduction of duties on Capital Goods, would facilitate easier availability of raw materials, components etc. while measures like reduction in Statutory Liquidity Ratio and reduction in interest rate would facilitate easier availability of funds at lower cost for industrial development.

लोक उद्यम चयन बोर्ड में डेटा बैंक

3921. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज्य :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लोक उद्यम चयन बोर्ड अपने कर्मचारियों के बारे में कोई डेटा बैंक रख रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां; तो क्या यह प्रभावी रूप से कार्य कर रहा है ;

(ग) इस डेटा बैंक में कितनी महिला प्रौद्योगिकीविदों को पंजीकृत किया गया था तथा बोर्ड स्तर के पदों के लिए कितनी महिला प्रौद्योगिकीविदों को साक्षात्कार के लिए बुलाया गया था और कितनों का चयन किया गया था ;

(घ) पुरुष सहयोगियों की तुलना में महिलाओं का प्रतिशत कितना है ; और

(ङ) बोर्ड स्तर के शीर्ष पदों पर महिला प्रौद्योगिकीविदों का चयन करने संबंधी सरकार की भावी नीति क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) और (ख) लोक उद्यम चयन बोर्ड केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में बोड स्तर के पदों पर नियुक्ति के लिए विचार किए जाने के इच्छुक व्यक्तियों का एक डाटा बैंक रखता है । जब कभी भी आवश्यकता होती है तो इस डाटा बैंक का उपयोग विभिन्न पदों के लिए उपयुक्त व्यक्ति ढूंढने के उद्देश्य से किया जाता है ।

(ग) से (ङ) : लोक उद्यम चयन बोर्ड महिला प्रौद्योगिकीविदों संबंधी कोई सूचना अलग से नहीं रखता है । सरकार की यह सुस्थापित नीति है कि बोर्ड स्तर के शीर्ष पदों पर जाति, लिंग अथवा धर्म आदि के आधार पर किसी प्रकार के भेदभाव के बिना एक स्वच्छ और उद्देश्यपूर्ण चयन प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से उत्कृष्ट व्यवसायिक प्रबन्धकों को नियुक्त किया जाए । सरकार इस नीति में कोई परिवर्तन करने पर विचार नहीं कर रही है ।

Discrimination of SC/ST employees in EPI

3922. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received any Joint Representations from SC/ST Employees of EPI alleging violation of Government orders regarding reservations etc.; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of information available with the Ministry, *prima facie*, it cannot be concluded that there is discrimination against SC/ST employees in EPI.

Export of vehicles by MUL to Yugoslavia

3923. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of vehicles proposed to be exported by the Maruti Udyog Ltd. to Yugoslavia as per agreement signed between the two countries, upto the end of March, 1992 ;

(b) the number of vehicles exported so far to Yugoslavia ;

(c) the total number of Maruti vehicles Government propose to export upto March, 1992 ;

(d) whether there is a decline in scales of Maruti vehicles in the domastic market;

(e) if so, what is the expected sales and profits in 1991-92 as compared to the sales and profits in 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(f) the extent of the decline in sales and profits and what are the reasons therefor ; and

(g) what steps Government have taken to boost its sales in the domestic and foreign markets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited expects to export around 5160 vehicles to Yugoslavia by end of March, 1992. 4426 vehicles have been exported till 21-3-1992.

(c) During 1991-92, Maruti Udyog Limited expects to export around 22,700 vehicles.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) to (g) A statement is attached below:

Statement

Year	Domestic Sales	Profit before tax (Rs. in crores)
1989-90 . .	. 1,12,032	50·05
1990-91 . .	. 1,15,394	48·12
1991-92 . . (estimated)	. 1,00,000	Not available as yet
% decline in 1991-92 over 1990-91	13.35%	—

Profits for 1991-92 will be lower than in the previous years. This is because of the fall, in demand for passenger cars in India during 1991-92. MUL has had to not only absorb some of the increases in costs, but also to reduce selling price of some models so as to keep its market share and maintain full production. This has led to a fall in profits. The fall in the demand for cars is largely due to high prices resulting mainly from a sharp increase in the excise duty, as well as a devaluation of the rupee, and higher interest rates. Constant efforts are being made to boost the sales.

Performance of infrastructure sector

3924. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the infrastructure sector in the country has been far from satisfactory despite the liberalised economic policy of Government ;

(b) if so, what is the performance of vital sectors as compared to that of the infractructure sector against the target for 1991-92

(c) what are the reasons for poor performance of the infrastructure sector in the country ; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to check the trend in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) No, Sir.

A statement showing comparative figures of growth rates for April-January, 1991-92 and April-January, 1990-91, targets and production for April-January, 1991-92, is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) As may be seen from the enclosed Statement the performance during April-January, 1991-92, was much better than that during April-January, 1990-91 except in the case of petroleum sector.

(c) The petroleum sector was adversely affected due to a High Gas to Oil ratio in Bombay High wells, water-cut in the Gujarat section, disturbed conditions in Assam, etc.

(d) The Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister has been constituted, *inter-alia*, to consider problems of infrastructure and give appropriate directions to bring about improvement in, performance.